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**CPA INDICTED ON ALLEGATIONS OF TAX EVASION AND FILING
FALSE RETURNS**

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan announced the filing of an indictment¹, filed Tuesday, charging Robert Trauffer with four counts of income tax evasion and 34 counts of filing false income tax returns. According to the indictment, Trauffer, a Certified Public Accountant and controller at Frankford Hospital, substantially under-reported his own income for the tax years 2001-2004. It is further alleged that Trauffer ran his own tax preparation business, and prepared income tax returns for hundreds of customers, a large portion of whom were police officers and firefighters. According to the indictment, in most instances, Trauffer inflated either the charitable contributions, or the un-reimbursed employment expenses, or both, on the returns without the knowledge of the taxpayers, resulting in the taxpayers receiving refunds to which they were not entitled, causing a total estimated tax loss to the IRS of \$189,316. Many taxpayers were audited and had to repay their refunds to the IRS with interest and penalties as a result of Trauffer's wrongdoing.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Robert Trauffer	Spring City, PA	47

If convicted of all charges, Trauffer faces a maximum sentence of 122 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly.

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